

## **Thomas Franklin Kirkham**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Thomas Franklin Kirkham, son of George and Sara Russon Kirkham, was born in Lehi, Utah, July 20, 1882.

He graduated from the public schools in 1899, with graduation exercises being held at Payson.

He attended George N Child's self-improvement ninth grade-the beginning of Lehi High School. He graduated from the Brigham Young University business training with a class of 9, in 1904, and has practiced accounting since. He maintains a Fire, Automobile and Bonding Insurance Agency and his hobby is gardening.

He was baptized by his father, who came afoot, to baptize his two sons, Hyrum R. and Thomas F., July 20, 1890.(following the ceremony, father Kirkham began his return journey afoot). He was successfully ordained to all offices of the Priesthood, being at present a High Priest. He served in the Elder's Quorum presidency, secretary and later president in the 127th Quorum of Seventy; twenty years as Sunday School chorister; forty years as Sunday School teacher; secretary of Alpine Stake Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association; twenty-seven years as Second Ward Clerk and presently Lehi Stake Auditor.

He went on a mission to England, May 1906, and answered a call there from President Heber J. Grant for volunteers to go to German. In that country, fifty-three people accepted his Gospel message.

He was a member of the Lehi Home Dramatic Company; Lehi Opera Company, charter member of the Lehi Lions Club being the first "Tail Twister"; Lehi Silver Band; Sons of the Utah Pioneers Centennial Caravan in 1947; and at this writing, Chairman of Lehi Centennial History Committee.

